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Dear Mr. Robinson:

This is in response to your filing dated 10 February 1999. The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) received from applicant "Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371", which was accompanied by, inter alia, an assignment, combined declaration for a U.S. national phase patent application, and a specification.

The 10 February 1999 papers do not reflect the international application number. The Patent and Trademark Office cannot process applicant's papers without an indication of the International application number. Applicant's papers will be retained in the PCT Legal Office for two months to await a response by applicants indicating the international application number.

Applicant might want to consider filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.182, with the requisite \$130 petition fee, requesting that the Patent and Trademark office treat the identification of the international application number as having been provided in the 10 February 1999 papers, addressing any legal implications which the date of such identification of international application number might have.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be directed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, DC 20231, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the PCT Legal Office.

Sincerely,

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